Eleven point guiding principles between India and China

1154. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Chinese Prime Minister's visit to India, both countries have taken a major step forward in agreeing a eleven point 'political parameters and guiding principles' to resolve their long standing boundary dispute between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether this guiding principles will provide the basis for proactively addressing the issue as a 'strategic objectives';

(c) if so, to what extent this decision has helped in reaching the panel agreement on border between India and China; and

(d) by what time, a final agreement in this regard is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Based on the parameters and principles laid down in the "Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question", the Special Representatives of the two countries have been tasked to continue their consultations with the objective of arriving at an agreed framework for a boundary settlement, which will provide the basis for the delineation and demarcation of the India-China boundary to be subsequently undertaken by civil and military officials and surveyors of the two sides.

(d) Both sides have expressed the conviction that an early settlement of the boundary question will advance the basic interests of the two countries and should, therefore, be pursued as a strategic objective.

Time limit for issuance of **passports**

1155. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum and maximum time limit for issuing passports;

(b) on an average how much minimum and maximum time was taken in issuing passports by the passport offices in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the year 2004; and